What is claimed is:

1.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

performing a supplementary process in accordance with the activity rate.

2.   The method of claim 1, in which the step of performing a supplementary process comprises:

disabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is greater than a predetermined threshold.

3.   The method of claim 1, in which the step of performing a supplementary process comprises:

enabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold.

4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a predetermined threshold in dependence on a signal indicative of time of day.

5.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

perform a supplementary process in accordance with the activity rate.

6.   The apparatus of claim 5, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:

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2   ~~disable a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is greater than~~

3   ~~a predetermined threshold.~~

1   ~~7.   The apparatus of claim 5, in which the processor is further operative with the program to:~~

2   ~~enable a system for providing a supplementary process if the activity rate is less than a~~

3   ~~predetermined threshold.~~

1   8.   The apparatus of claim 5, in which the processor is further operative to:

2   determine a predetermined threshold in dependence on a signal indicative of time of day.

1   9.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal;

4   providing a supplementary product offer in accordance with the activity rate and an offer

5   schedule.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, in which the offer schedule comprises a set of supplementary

2   product offers, each supplementary product offer corresponding to a predetermined range of

3   activity rates.

1   ~~11.   The method of claim 10, in which successively time-consuming supplementary product~~

2   ~~offers correspond to successively greater ranges of activity rates.~~

1   12.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device,

5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

8   provide a supplementary product offer in accordance with the activity rate and an

9   offer schedule.

1   13.   The apparatus of claim 12, in which the offer schedule comprises a set of supplementary

2   product offers, each supplementary product offer corresponding to a predetermined range of

3   activity rates.

1   14.   The apparatus of claim 13, in which successively time-consuming supplementary product

2   offers correspond to successively greater ranges of activity rates.

1   15.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring a criterion;

4   determining, based on the criterion, whether to disable a system for providing a

5   supplementary process; and

6   disabling the system for providing a supplementary process.

1   16.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device, the storage device storing a program for

5   controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure a criterion;

8   determine, based on the criterion, whether to disable a system for providing a

9   supplementary process; and

10   disable the system for providing a supplementary process.

1   17.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring a criterion;

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4   determining, based on the criterion, whether to enable a system for providing a

5   supplementary process; and

6   enabling the system for providing a supplementary process.

1   18.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device, the storage device storing a program for

5   controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure a criterion;

8   determine, based on the criterion, whether to enable a system for providing a

9   supplementary process; and

10   enable the system for providing a supplementary process.

1   19.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;

4   determining, based on the activity rate, whether to perform a supplementary process; and

5   performing the supplementary process for at least one point-of-sale terminal.

1   20.   The method of claim 19, in which the step of performing the supplementary process

2   comprises:

3   performing the supplementary process for each point-of-sale terminal.

1   21.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device,

5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

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7   measure an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;

8   determine, based on the activity rate, whether to perform a supplementary

9   process; and

10   perform the supplementary process for at least one point-of-sale terminal.

1   22.   The apparatus of claim 21, in which the processor is further operative with the program

2   to:

3   perform the supplementary process for each point-of-sale terminal.

1   23.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;

4   determining, based on the activity rate, whether to disable a system for providing a

5   supplementary process; and

6   disabling a system for providing a supplementary process for each of a plurality of point-

7   of-sale terminals.

1   24.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device,

5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure an activity rate of a plurality of point-of-sale terminals;

8   determine, based on the activity rate, whether to disable a system for providing a

9   supplementary process; and

10   disable a system for providing a supplementary process for each of a plurality of

11   point-of-sale terminals.

1   25.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

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3   measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

4   if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold,

5   determining an upsell in dependence on a purchase,

6   determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and

7   offering to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 4 26.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device,

5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

8   if the activity rate is less than a predetermined threshold,

9   determine an upsell in dependence on a purchase,

10   determine an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and

11   offer to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 27.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   receiving an override signal; and

4   performing a supplementary process in accordance with the override signal.

1 28.   The method of claim 27, in which the step of performing comprises:

2   disabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal does not

3   indicate performance of the supplemental process.

1 29.   The method of claim 27, in which the step of performing comprises:

2   enabling a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal indicates

3   performance of the supplemental process.

1 30. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2 sale terminal, comprising:

3 a storage device; and

4 a processor connected to the storage device,

5 the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6 the processor operative with the program to:

7 receive an override signal; and

8 perform a supplementary process in accordance with the override signal.

1 31. The apparatus of claim 30, in which the processor is further operative with the program

2 to:

3 disable a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal does

4 not indicate performance of the supplemental process.

1 32. The apparatus of claim 30, in which the processor is further operative with the program

2 to:

3 enable a system for providing a supplementary process if the override signal

4 indicates performance of the supplemental process.

1 33. A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2 terminal, comprising:

3 receiving an override signal; and

4 if the override signal indicates performance of a supplemental process,

5 determining an upsell in dependence on a purchase,

6 determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and

7 offering to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 34. An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2 sale terminal, comprising:

3 a storage device; and

4 a processor connected to the storage device,

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5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   receive an override signal; and

8   if the override signal indicates performance of a supplemental process,

9   determine an upsell in dependence on a purchase,

10   determine an upsell price in dependence on the purchase, and

11   offer to exchange the upsell price for the upsell.

1 ~~35~~.   A method for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-sale

2   terminal, comprising:

3   measuring an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

4   if the activity rate is below a first predetermined threshold, offering a first upsell having

5   an first offer speed; and

6   if the activity rate is above a second predetermined threshold, offering a second upsell

7   having a second offer speed greater than the first offer speed.

1 ~~36~~.   An apparatus for controlling the performance of a supplementary process at a point-of-

2   sale terminal, comprising:

3   a storage device; and

4   a processor connected to the storage device,

5   the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

6   the processor operative with the program to:

7   measure an activity rate of a point-of-sale terminal; and

8   if the activity rate is below a first predetermined threshold,

9   offer a first upsell having an first offer speed; and

10   if the activity rate is above a second predetermined threshold,

11   offer a second upsell having a second offer speed greater than the first

12   offer speed.

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